REPORT

OF THE

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY,

CITY OF TORONTO,

FOR THE YEAR 1876.

Officers, Trustees, and Managers, for 1877;

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Rev. A. J. Broughall,	*Deputy Chairman.*
Henry Rowsell, Esq.,	*Treasurer.*
W. J. MacDonell, Esq.,	*Secretary.*

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ANNUAL REPORT.

The Managers of the House of Industry, in presenting their Report for 1876, have to observe, that although the drain upon their resources during that year was unusually heavy, they have, with the kind assistance of the public, been enabled to meet it, and also to provide thus far for the demands of the present season, which, they regret to say, has opened rather inauspiciously.

The great prostration which for some time past has pervaded almost every branch of industry, has not only increased the number of their legitimate dependents, but has induced many persons, who during the summer found employment in outlying municipalities, on the cessation of farm labour, or approach of winter, to flock for support into the city. Then again, owing to the unsettled state of affairs in the neighouring Republic, the Province has been overrun with numbers of needy adventurers, whose presence cannot be considered an acquisition. All these, added to the poor previously existing, make a total of poverty to which the means at the disposal of the Managers may ultimately prove inadequate.

As a country advances in population poverty may be expected to increase in a corresponding ratio. To a moderate extent the rich and the poor may benefit each other,—the one by their charity, the other by their patience. But amongst the most progressive nations of modern times, such as England and the United States, poverty, notwithstanding all their material development, has alarmingly increased; and people may well ask, "What can be done with our poor?"

While the rich have become richer, the poor, as a rule, have become poorer. Of this truth a glance at the countries named will satisfy the most incredulous. Canada, holding intimate connection with both, must of course be more or less affected by their social condition. Hitherto, amongst our own people, poverty has existed rather in name than in fact; but the more closely we follow the steps of other nations, the more we must expect it will develope among us, and the sooner should efficient measures be taken for its mitigation,—its suppression can never be looked for: "The poor you have always with you."

In dealing with poverty as it appears in this city, the Managers have endeavoured, according to their ability, to aid all, but more especially those who were willing and anxious to help themselves. The Managers believe that society will be benefited, rather by enabling the poor to keep their families together, and perhaps secure, in time, a small independence, than by cooping them in large establishments, where they lose, in some sense, their individuality, and become burdens upon the public, instead of contributing their due share toward the welfare of the country. A great and much desired boon would be, the providing of work for such people, and paying them for it. How can this be accomplished?

But if the question of the honest and deserving poor be difficult of solution, what shall be done with others, who, as a rule, it is to be feared, are neither honest nor deserving. The records of the Ward for Casuals attached to the House throw a glimpse of light upon some of these characters. That building, as its name indicates, was intended to afford a night's shelter, with supper and breakfast, to the homeless wanderer, who was then expected to speed on his way elsewhere: but when persons, familiarly called "tramps," present themselves,

as often happens over and over again, not only day after day, but year after year, and bring "all their friends," thus converting the place into a permanent lodging-house, a state of things is created which the Managers never contemplated. It is well known how similar cases were disposed of in the days of "Good Queen Bess;" but modern refinement shrinks at the mere suggestion of the vigorous remedies prescribed and administered by that "most dread sovereign."

By its Act of Incorporation the House is authorized to hold property producing an annual income not exceeding £3,000 ($12,000). The entire annual income of property now held in every shape is scarcely $1,300. Money is never invested unless specially devised for that purpose: the whole amount received for investment last year was $300. The interest accruing from investments is, with all donations received in the ordinary way, invariably applied to the current expenses of the Institution.

The Managers hope that this plain statement of facts will tend to remove any contrary impression that may chance to exist.

The Managers have much pleasure in again recording the expression of their entire satisfaction with the conduct of the Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Duckett.

The usual statistics of the House will be found in the accompanying Reports from the Treasurer, Medical Officer, and Superintendent.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. HOBSON, *Chairman.*

W. J. MacDonell, *Secretary.*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Relief afforded and number of Poor assisted during the year 1876.

Average number in the House		86
In on 1st January, 1875	86	
Admitted since	106	
		192
Discharged, 90; died, 13	103	
In the house 1st January, 1877	89	
		192
Of which are blind men	6	
Do. do. women	2	
Cripples	32	
Others	43	
Children	6	
		89
Average number in building for casual poor during the winter months, per night	25	

Out-door Poor.

961 families—611 men, 948 women, 2328 children, averaging over 4 in each family	3887	
Casual relieved out-door	345	
Total relieved (exclusive of inmates)		4232
Number of 4 lbs. loaves distributed to out-door pensioners	20765	
To casual poor out door	455	
		21220

Deaths in the House.

11 men, 2 women—total 13

Soup given out during the winter months, 170 gallons per day.
Disbursements to sick families, 130 lbs. tea; 540 lbs. sugar; 730 lbs. rice; 820 lbs. oatmeal.

Statement of Coal Account for 1875.

Sold at half-price	12	tons.
Consumed in the house	90	"
Delivered to the poor	348	"
Total	450	"

CHARLES DUCKETT, *Superintendent.*

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Nothing has occurred during the year to disturb the even tenor of our way; and I have nothing very startling or novel to report. I must, however, congratulate the Managers on the improved sanitary condition of the House since the introduction of the city water.

Formerly, zymotic diseases, often of severe character, were common; but during the last year, although they have not been entirely absent, yet the more dangerous have; and those which did occur were usually mild and easily controlled.

Only one death, resulting from erysipelas, can be attributed to the above causes.

The whole of the deaths, with that exception, were the result of old chronic affections, whose origin dated long prior to the time when the parties sought the friendly shelter of this place. An accouut of them would have no interest for the general public; but to the moralist or scientist they exhibit the inevitable penalty attached to the transgression of those laws which have been wisely ordained for the promotion of our present health and future happiness.

Of the thirteen who have died, two were between forty-three and fifty, and eleven were from sixty to eighty years of age.

Respectfully submitted,

UZZIEL OGDEN, M.D.

January, 1877.

HENRY ROWSELL, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT

Dr. RECEIPTS.

To Balance from 1876.	$2920 23
" Balance of Investment Fund	466 12
" Grant from Ontario Government	2900 00
" " " City Corporation	4000 00
" " " " " (Special)	1000 00
" Subscriptions and Donations	1504 25
" Investment account—Received on Legacies	300 00
" " for Instalments on Mortgages.	671 67
" Rent of Property	689 50
" Interest on Debentures, &c	809 47
" " allowed on Bank Balances	114 15
" Payments by inmates	148 39
" Coal sold at half-price	23 00
	$15,546 78

WITH THE HOUSE OF INDUSTRY, TORONTO.

Expenditure.	*Cr.*
By Bread Account	$3110 98
" Meat	443 30
" Groceries	935 95
" Milk	183 70
" Flour and Meal	248 90
" Fuel and Cartage	1601 91
" Clothing and Dry Goods	445 35
" Beer	47 34
" Soap	93 88
" Salaries	750 00
" Printing and Stationery	76 00
" Advertising	69 00
" Sewing Machine	47 50
" Boots and Shoes and Leather	76 47
" Medicine	54 60
" Fire Insurance	123 50
" Commission on Collections	47 43
" Gas	59 00
" Water	66 00
" City Taxes	54 91
" Burials	22 25
" Iron and Tinware and Oil	137 37
" Surveying Expenses	21 75
" Contingent Account	680 14
" Legal Expenses	12 77
" Repairs	380 31
" Investment Account	1437 79
Balance carried forward	4318 68
	$15,546 78

HENRY ROWSELL,

Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by Alderman HENDERSON, seconded by Mr. GILLESPIE :—

That the Report now read be adopted, and that 500 copies thereof, with the Reports of the Treasurer, Medical Officer, and Superintendent, and the customary Lists, be printed for distribution.

Moved by Mr. C. GAMBLE, seconded by Mr. W. S. LEE :—

That the cordial thanks of this meeting be tendered to the Trustees, Managers, and Officers of this valuable charity, for their able services during the past year.

Moved by Mr. A. T. McCORD, seconded by Mr. PELL :—

That the thanks of the city at large are due to the Ward Visitors of the House for the care expended by them in visiting the poor in their various sections.

Moved by Rev. A. J. Broughall, seconded by Mr. RUTHERFORD :—

That the Rev. A. Williams, Rev. A. W. Laurent, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Rev. W. F. Checkley, Rev. A. H. Baldwin, Rev. J. D. Cayley, Rev. C. R. Matthew, Messrs. J. T. Smith, John Shea, S. Rogers, A. T. McCord, S. Platt, J. McBean, J. Jacques, John Gillespie, J. Alcorn, Thomas Downey, John Paterson, R. Elmsley, James Fleming, W. D. Matthews, H. Moody, J. W. Drummond, Clark Gamble, and the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the City Council, be Managers of this Institution during the ensuing year.

OFFICERS FOR 1877.

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W. J. MACDONELL, ESQ., - - - - SECRETARY.

WARD VISITORS:

For St. Lawrence Ward..... MR. W. J. MACDONELL, 34, *Church Street.*
" St. David's Ward..... HON. G. W. ALLAN, *Moss Park.*
" St. Thomas's Ward..... MR. J. SHEA, 129, *Seaton Street.*
" St. James's Ward.....
S. of Queen Street ... MR. N. C. LOVE, 155, *Yonge Street.*
N. of Queen Street .. MR. J. W. DRUMMOND, 123 *Bond Street.*
" St. George's Ward ..... REV. ALEX. WILLIAMS, *St. John's Parsonage.*
" St. Andrew's Ward..... MR. S. ROGERS, 105, *Bay Street.*
" St. John's Ward ..... REV. C. R. MATTHEW, 368, *Church Street.* / MR. E. HOBSON, 5, *Agnes Street.*
" St. Patrick's Ward.....
W. of Spadina Av..... REV. A. J. BROUGHALL, *St. Steph. Parsonage.*
E. of Spadina Av.... REV. J. M. LAURENT, *St. Patrick's Parsonage.*
" St. Stephen's Ward.... MR. HARRY MOODY, *Dover Court Road.*

ARRANGEMENT OF WEEKLY COMMITTEES.

January	7	MR. J. JACQUES.
April	8	MR. W. D MATTHEWS.
July	8	MR. J. GILLESPIE.
October	7	
January	14	VERY REV. DEAN GRASETT.
April	15	MR. A. T. MCCORD.
July	15	MR. JAMES FLEMING.
October	14	
January	21	REV. A. H. BALDWIN.
April	22	MR. R. GILMOR.
July	22	CHAIRMAN FINANCE COMMITTEE. (*City Council*).
October	21	
January	28	REV. C. R. MATTHEW.
April	29	MR. R. WALKER.
July	29	MR. J. MCBEAN.
October	28	
February	4	REV. DR. TOPP.
May	6	MR. THOMAS DOWNEY.
August	5	MR. SAMUEL ROGERS.
November	4	

February	11	Rev. J. D. Cayley.
May	13	Mr. J. Thom.
August	12	Mr. E. H. Ruthrford.
November	11	
February	18	Very Rev. J. M. Laurent.
May	20	The Mayor.
August	19	Mr. Harry Moody.
November	18	
February	20	Rev. D. J. Macdonnell.
May	21	Mr. W. J. MacDonell.
August	20	Mr. John Paterson.
November	19	
March	4	Rev. Dr. Green.
June	3	Mr. S. Platt.
September	2	Mr. J. T. Smith.
December	2	
March	11	Rev. Alex. Williams.
June	10	Mr. Clarke Gamble.
September	9	Hon. G. W. Allan.
December	9	
March	18	Rev. W. F. Checkley.
June	17	Mr. N. C. Love.
September	16	Mr. J. W. Drummond.
December	16	
March	25	Mr. J. Shea.
June	24	Mr. S. Alcorn.
September	23	Mr. Henry Rowsell.
December	23	
April	1	Rev. A. J. Brougham.
July	1	Mr. Robert Wilkes.
September	30	Mr. Remy Elmsley.
December	30	

The Weekly Committees meet at the House on Tuesdays and Fridays, at Nine o'clock, A. M.

The Board of Managers meets at the House on the Third Tuesday of each month, at half-past Three o'clock, P. M.

W. J. MacDONELL, *Secretary.*

Toronto, January, 1877.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

FOR THE TORONTO HOUSE OF INDUSTRY,

For the Season 1876–1877,

Received from November 1, 1876, to May 1, 1877.

Archbishop of Toronto	$10 00
Austin, J.	5 00
Allan, Hon. G. W.	10 00
Aikenhead & Crombie	2 00
Alcorn, Samuel	5 00
A Friend	1 00
A Friend	2 00
A Friend of Honesty	1 00
A Friend at Eglington	5 00
Bishop of Toronto	10 00
Bryce, McMurrich & Co.	20 00
Blake, Kerr & Boyd	20 00
Bugg, John	10 00
Blain, Mrs. D.	10 00
Baldwin, Robert	5 00
Brown, J. G.	5 00
Brown, Bros	2 00
Blake, Hon. Vice-Chancellor	10 00
Burns, Charles	2 00
Broughall, Rev. A. J.	2 00
Buntin Bros. & Co.	2 00
B. & Co.	1 00
Broom James	1 00
Baldwin, Rev. A. H.	5 00
Blaikie, John L.	5 00
Beadmore, Geo. L.	6 00
Brodie, J. L.	1 00
Canada Company	60 00
Campbell & Cassels.	2 00
Campbell, James, & Son	5 00
Cawthra. Wm	40 00
Cornell, John, (Goods)	9 00
Cosgrove & Co. (Goods)	9 00
Coffee & Co., L.	5 00
Christie, Brown & Co.	20 00
Cayley, Rev. J. D.	2 00
Cameron, Hon. M.C.	5 00
Caddy, Miss	4 00
Cayley, Hon. W.	5 00
Conger, P. D.	5 00
Currie, Neil	25 00
Crooks, Hon. A.	5 00
Dixon, B. Homer	10 00
Delaporte, A. V.	5 00
Duffy, Charles, (Goods).	0 50
Drummond, J. W.	4 00
Dwight, H. P.	1 00
Downey, Thomas	2 00
Dunbar, R., (Goods)	5 00
Elliott & Co	10 00
Eastwood, John	4 00
Elmsley, Charlotte	5 00
Fulton, Alex. T.	10 00
Forrest, John	5 00
Fitch, J. C. (Goods)	6 00
Fraser, J.	2 00
Gamble, C.	10 00
Grasett, Very Rev. Dean	10 00
Gooderham & Worts	40 00
Galt, Hon. Mr. Justice	10 00
Gillespie, John	10 00
Gilmor. R.	5 00
Galbraith, Wm. (Goods)	3 00
Gunther, E. & S.	1 00
Gzowski, Lt. Col. C. S.	10 00
Gale, J. W.	1 00
Green, Rev. Dr.	5 00
Good, James	2 00
Hagarty, Hon. Chief Justice	10 00
Hay, R. & Co	10 00

Hague, G.	4 00
Hooper, E. & Co	20 00
Hobson, E.	10 00
Hobson, E. J.	5 00
Howard, A. McLean	4 00
Holmested, G. S	4 00
Holmested, N.	1 00
Hamilton, W. B. (Goods)	10 00
Hallam, John	5 00
Haldan, B	4 00
Heintzman, T. A.	1 00
Hewlett, James, (Goods)	2 00
Howland, W. P.	10 00
Hessin, Wm	1 00
Henderson, Alex. T	4 00
Heward, Mrs. S	5 00
Harrison, G	5 00
Hughes, Bros.	2 00
Inglis, Rev. Wm	2 00
Jaffray, Robert, (Goods)	5 00
Jones Bros. & Mackenzie	10 00
Jackes, John	10 00
Jarvis, Fred. W., Sheriff	5 00
Kent, Bros.	1 00
Kendrew, Wm.	5 00
King, Rev. J. M.	4 00
Kerr, John	5 00
Keith, D. S. & Co	2 00
Lewis, Rice & Son	20 00
Lyman, Bros. & Co	20 00
Lt.Gov. D. A. MacDonald	10 00
Lawson, Robt	1 00
Lailey, T. & Co.	2 00
Leadlay, E.	1 00
Lee, Walter S.	2 00
L. L. & B	4 00
Langtry, Rev. John	1 00
Laurent, Rev. J. M., V.G	5 00
Litster, Agnes	1 00
Love, N, C.	4 00
Michie, James	40 00
Matthews, W. D.	5 00
Mathers, Mrs.	10 00
Merrifield, R.	1 00
Matthews, H. J. & Bro	1 00
Mowat, Hon. O.	4 00
Moody, Harry	2 00
Mason, Risch & Newcombe	2 00
Mason, A. J.	2 00
Morphy, E. M.	1 00
Mara, Thos.	2 00
Meakin & Co.	1 00
Matheson, H.	1 00
Macrae, Alex. S	5 00
Morrison, Angus, (Mayor)	5 00
Myles, W	5 00
Macdonald, John	20 00
McClain, Wm	4 00
McMaster & Bro	20 00
McBean, John—2 years	20 00
McIlmurray, Dr.	4 00
Macdonell, Alex.	4 00
McIntosh, W. D.	1 00
McCausland, J.	2 00
McDonald, D.	4 00
McCrosson, T.	2 00
Maclean, W	1 00
McCord, A. T.	5 00
McGee, James	5 00
MacDonell, W. J.	5 00
McCarter, J., (Goods)	2 00
McCraken, T.	2 00
Nordheimer, A. & S	5 00
Nelson, H. A., & Sons, (Goods)	5 00
O'Keefe & Co.	5 00
Orr, W. R.	2 00
O'Connor, C	1 00
Oldright, Dr. Wm,	2 00
Pell, J. E	4 00
Paterson, P. & Sons	1 00
Paterson, P.	5 00
Page, C., & Sons	2 00
Pollard, Mrs. M	10 00
Perkins, Frederick	10 00
Pitts, James E., (Goods)	1 00
Piper, N. L. & Son	3 00
Perkins, Ince & Co.	10 00
Robertson, A.	1 00
Rutherford, E. H.	10 00
" for Christmas Dinner	10 00
Rawlin, Wm.	2 00
Rose, H. J.	2 00
Rowsell & Hutchison	10 00
Rogers, Jas. H.	2 00
Revere House	1 00
Robertson, John, Son & Co	5 00
Richardson, Dr. J. H.	2 00
Rogers, Samuel	5 00
Robb, Rev. J. G.	1 00
Roseburgh, Dr. A. M.	2 00
Rooney, N. & F.	2 00
Riddell, John	2 00
Richards, Hon. S.	4 00
Shields, James & Co	10 00
Shields, Bros	5 00
Sheard, Joseph	10 00
Sweetnam, M	2 00
Spreull, Samuel	5 00
Scott, James	4 00
Samuel, M. & L	1 00
St. George, Quetton & Co.	2 00
Sampson, A	5 00

Staunton, A. A.	1 00
Sessions, Cooper & Smith	5 00
Shapter & Jeffrey, (Goods)	2 00
Sutherland, Rev. A.	1 00
Smith & Keighley	10 00
Sanson, Rev. A.	1 00
Score, R.	1 00
Spragge, Hon. Chancellor	10 00
Small, John	2 00
Shaw, Col	1 00
Stayner, Mr	5 00
Steiner, N. L.	2 00
Shea, John	4 00
Timms, S	5 00
Taylor, S. (Manager, B.B.N A.)	10 00
Thom, John	5 00
Trust and Loan Co. of Canada,	25 00
Toy, Samuel	1 00
Thompson, Thomas	2 00
Thomson & Burns	10 00
Topp, Rev. Alex	5 00
Turner, J., (Toy Goods)	3 00
Toronto Brewing and Malting Compnay	5 00
Vickers, J. J.	2 00
Walker, Robert, & Sons	20 00
Wilkes, R.	25 00
Walton, G. A.	1 00
Wood, E., Rev. Dr	4 00
Whatmough, C. T.	1 00
Whitney, J. W. G.	20 00
Worthington, Mrs	2 00
Wagner, J. P.	2 00
Wickson, H., (Goods)	2 00
White, Isaac	1 00
Whitaker, Ven. Archdeacon	5 00
Yarker, G. W.	1 00

FUEL FUND.

John Macdonald	$50 00	Gamble, C.	$5 00

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